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December 13, 1955

The Honorable Herbert V. Prochnow  
Deputy Under Secretary of State  
for Economic Affairs  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Prochnow:

I have been furnished a copy of the terms of reference for the interdepartmental committee on certain U.S. aid programs of which you are designated chairman. I note that this paper provides that your committee may call upon this Agency to supply intelligence advice and wish you to know that we stand ready to furnish all possible support to your committee in its important work.

As you are probably aware, CIA is responsible for pulling together the intelligence available to all of the intelligence agencies for the program of reporting those charged with the formulation of national policy. On major subjects or critical issues confronting the NSC, this service takes the form of National Intelligence Estimates; on other matters less formal memoranda and briefings are used. We shall be happy to respond to your committee's requirements in the manner most useful to it.

Departmental responsibility for economic intelligence is allocated as follows: the State Department's Office of Intelligence Research is the primary producer of economic intelligence on the Free World countries; CIA's Office of Research and Reports produces that on the Soviet Bloc including Soviet Bloc economic activities outside the Iron Curtain. Topics of common concern such as East-West trade are handled in coordination through the mechanism of the Economic Intelligence Committee chaired by Dr. Arthur of this Agency.

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I have designated my Deputy Director for Intelligence, Mr. Robert Amory, Jr., as the officer responsible for insuring coordinated intelligence support to your committee. In order to make this support as timely and effective as possible, it will be desirable that he be kept informed of your agenda and needs.

Sincerely yours,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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